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SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS, SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD, AND SUBSTRATE HOLDING APPARATUS

ELECTION OF INVENTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 27, 2007, Applicants in the above-referenced application hereby elect the invention of Group 1 corresponding to claims 1-18 and 28-30.

Should the Examiner require anything further at this point in the prosecution, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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